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Stevenson selected as Natural Resources and Policy Manager

Wyoming Department of Agriculture (WDA) Director John Etchepare would like to announce the selection of Leanne Stevenson as the new manager of the Natural Resources and Policy Division.

Stevenson comes to the department from Kansas State University, where she is currently a County Extension Agent in Agriculture and Natural Resources.

She is eager to begin her new position and excited to work with Wyoming producers and the WDA staff.

"I am very excited to get back to my Wyoming agriculture roots," Stevenson said. "This is an honor and a great opportunity for me to come back to my home state and assist Wyoming producers in sustaining their livelihoods and preserving Wyoming's natural resources."

A Wyoming native, Stevenson grew up on a ranch near Torrington. In addition to her current position as an extension agent, she has also worked in production agriculture and for the National Western Stock Show. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Animal Science from Colorado State University, and is currently working on her Master's Degree in Agronomy with a rangeland management emphasis from Kansas State University.

In her new position, Stevenson will concentrate on promoting the efforts of the Natural Resources and Policy Division.

"My goal for the department is to increase public awareness of the hard work the staff performs in working for the interests of Wyoming's agriculturists," Stevenson said. "I look forward to working with the WDA staff to promote and support agriculture."

In her spare time, Stevenson has been involved with many activities including the Society of Range Management, various CattleWomen groups, Farm Bureau, 4-H and the Wyoming State Fair. Her mother and three grown children live in Wyoming, and her husband will be moving shortly.

Stevenson will begin her new position on January 29.

"The department is looking forward to Leanne joining us," Director Etchepare said. "Her Wyoming ranching background and positive energy will be a great asset to the Natural Resources and Policy Division."

Because this section works closely with so many other agriculture organizations throughout the state, Etchepare would like to extend a special invitation to leaders and members of those groups.

"I would like to invite to all of our natural resource partners to stop by the department and meet Leanne," Etchepare said. "It is a great opportunity to get to know her and the rest of the Natural Resources and Policy section."

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